

REMARKS

The Abstract has been amended to correct informalities and place same more in accordance with U.S. practice format. The specification has been amended to correct all noted informalities and provide a more complete description of the invention. All of the amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure of this application and therefore do not constitute the introduction of any new matter into this case.

The Examiner objected to the drawings because "the reflecting surface on the circular arc diffusing unit and the guide plate having a thickness decreasing with the distance to said lateral light source," as recited by claims 1 and 11, are not shown. Moreover, the Examiner has required Fig. 1 to be designed as "PRIOR ART." In response to these objections and requirement, Applicant is submitting herewith copies of Figs. 1, 7, 8 and 9 with appropriate proposed amendments in red ink. Moreover, a new Fig. 10 is submitted for addition to the drawings originally filed in this application. Appropriate corresponding amendments to the specification have been made with regard to the proposed amendments to Figs. 7-9 and the proposed addition of new Fig. 10. Upon approval of the drawing amendments by the Examiner, Applicant will enter same into the formal drawings and in accordance with the required procedure.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that the application is in condition for allowance except for the aforementioned formal matters. Since all of these formal matters are believed to be duly overcome herein, this application should now be in condition for formal allowance and prompt notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned may be reached at his Alexandria, Virginia office at (703) 683-0500.

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